

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend paragraph [0015] as follows.

[0015] FIG. 2 ~~is a~~ and FIG. 9 are block diagrams schematically illustrating the configuration of a data output circuit having an off-chip driver circuit according to an embodiment of the present invention;

Please amend paragraph [0028] as follows.

[0028] The delay circuit that can be connected to each of the off-chip drivers may be constructed to delay the data signal (DATA) with the delay circuit added to the input terminal of the off-chip driver, or may be constructed to delay the output signal outputted from the off-chip driver with it added to the output terminal of the off-chip driver, as show in FIG. 9.